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GREAT EXPECTATIONS

According to research by AllClear, the medical travel insurance company, travel is top of the priority list for Brits when the vaccine is readily available.



55% of British travellers are considering an overseas holiday with news of a vaccine.

WHILE THE ending of lockdown re-opens the door to non-essential foreign travel, it is the news of a COVID-19 vaccine that has triggered a large-scale revival of consumer confidence in travel, according to new research from AllClear Travel Insurance.

The AllClear poll asked a nationally representative sample of 2,000 adults which activities they would be most keen to book following the news of successful vaccination trials by companies such as AstraZeneca-Oxford.

Going on holiday abroad topped the wish list. Overall, 55% of survey respondents said a vaccine would make

them feel comfortable going abroad on holiday again. Further, 42% of people said they would feel comfortable going to a hotel again – a shift back from the move towards villas and private accommodation that had been noted during the summer months.

The resurgence of interest in planning holidays was strongest amongst older people. 64% of over 55s were now focused on booking a holiday, compared with 42% of under 35s.

While enthusiasm for foreign travel was consistently popular across all UK regions – suggesting the revival for the travel sector would be a truly nationwide phenomenon –

those people living in regions most seriously affected by COVID-19 (such as Wales, the North East and East Midlands) were also those most likely to prioritise a foreign holiday in 2021.

Chris Rolland, CEO of AllClear, said, 'News of a vaccine has had an enormous impact on consumer confidence. This survey delivers welcome news for a travel sector that has been through an unprecedented year and gives us all the basis to plan with a bit more confidence for 2021. The vaccine news has transformed fear to hope and will encourage many people to bring forward their travel plans.'

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Iberostar offers 'Travel at Ease' services for guests

IBEROSTAR HOTELS and Resorts has launched its 'Travel at Ease' programme, a complimentary assurance service that provides support for guests in the unlikely event that their vacation is interrupted by COVID-19 symptoms.

Through these complimentary services, the company wants to reinforce commitment to its trade partners.

'Travel at Ease' includes PCR tests for guests with symptoms and an extension of stay for guests who test positive, as well as isolation rooms for their families with all the necessary amenities at no extra cost.

If the guest is an adult travelling alone with children, a solidarity rate is offered for another adult to accompany the family.



Iberostar has extended its 'Travel at Ease' policy until August 2021.

Among other benefits, the affected guests will receive constant medical monitoring, contactless room service, and in-room entertainment and games, including Star Camp activity packs.

In case of an early departure, guests will receive a full refund of the days not consumed.

These measures have been implemented across hotels in America, and now include Iberostar properties in Europe and North Africa until August 2021 for all reservations, including those made through partners.

www.iberostar.com

Pack for Prague with CroisiEurope

CROISIEUROPE IS offering a new seven-night cruise on the Vltava River in 2021. Sailing on the premium ship Elbe Princess II, the cruise starts in Prague, before sailing to Stechovice on the Vltava, famous for its gold mines and pottery.

Guests will also get to visit The Konopiste Castle, known as the last home of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, before his assassination. The cruise continues along the Vltava, and passes numerous castles, grandiose homes and steep hillsides before reaching the Slapy

Reservoir at the foot of the dam.

After sailing back to Prague and re-joining the Elbe, the ship then offers plenty of time to explore the history of Prague before cruising onto Melnik, home of the world famous composer Anthony Dvorak.

Departures begin on June 14, 2021 and run through to September 27, 2021 on a weekly basis. Prices begin at £2,723 per person for a seven-night cruise, including meals, drinks and excursions.

www.croisieurope.co.uk

Princess cruises to wear medallion of safety in 2021

PRINCESS CRUISES has announced that it will provide a Medallion-enabled touchless experience, for added precaution, to guests during arrival and embarkation, once it returns to service in 2021.

Princess will be leveraging Ocean Medallion technology to reduce contact and avoid crowds.

All guests will be required to use the Medallion Class app to upload travel documents, passport information, as well as a health questionnaire in advance, alongside providing important emergency information and a form of payment. Guests will also need to take a security image to personalise their Medallions. They can pick up their accessories on arrival or order it to be delivered at home.



Princess is also expanding its 'Book with Confidence' policy, which allows guests the flexibility to change their cruise plans 30 days prior to the departure day, receiving cancellation fees as a future cruise credit. This flexible booking option is now available for any cruise bookings made by March 2, 2021, on voyages departing through October 31, 2021.

www.princess.com



Hilton offers 25% off on hotel stays in 2021

HILTON HAS launched discounts of up to 25% off on stays until March 31, 2021, at nearly 500 hotels across Europe, the Middle East and Africa, if booked before January 31, 2021.

The offer is running across brands including Waldorf Astoria Hotels and Resorts, LXR Hotels and Resorts, Conrad Hotels and Resorts, Canopy by Hilton, and Hilton Hotels and Resorts, among others.

All bookings are fully flexible, with free changes and cancellations permitted up to 24 hours before the scheduled arrival day.

www.hilton.com/en/

Scenic reveals 2022/23 worldwide cruises

SCENIC CRUISES has announced its new 2022/23 worldwide voyage collection, which features an enhanced Antarctica programme and new routes to the North East passage, Japan and the Sea of Cortez.

The Eclipse will undertake a worldwide programme of 35 countries over six continents across 48 voyages. The announcement also includes super earlybird savings of up to 20% on selected departures, all of which include a flexible booking policy and deposit protection plan. The flexible booking policy allows guests to defer their cruises to another travel date, or route, up to 60 days prior to departure.

Highlights of the programme include:

Beyond the Antarctic Circle



The Eclipse will explore 35 countries across 48 voyages in 2022/23.

A 16-day voyage across frozen landscapes sails just after the summer solstice, meaning guests are granted plenty of daylight for discovery. From £15,715 per person, departing from Buenos Aires on December 20, 2022.

Jewels of the Russian Far East

This 14-day trip takes guests off the beaten track to Chukotka and Kamchatka,

which were forbidden lands until just two decades ago. Native wildlife including brown bears and reindeer awaits guests who can kayak around rocky cliff edges and explore Cold War vestiges. This itinerary starts from £14,105, departing on May 27 and July 25, 2023.

www.scenic.co.uk

TOP launches new trade talent sharing network

TOP NETWORK Group has launched a new talent sharing network to help keep travel industry staff in their jobs.

The TOP Network Talent Sharing will enable travel industry professionals to be sent out on loan to other companies, both inside the travel industry and beyond. During this time, they will continue to be paid their salary and will return to their original employment when activity picks up again.

TOP director, Gary Orr, explained, "This new TOP Network initiative is aimed at helping keep our travel industry talent in the

jobs they love, ready for when the travel market returns... in the context of our travel industry, a business may have talented employees they do not want to lose, yet they don't currently have enough work for them."

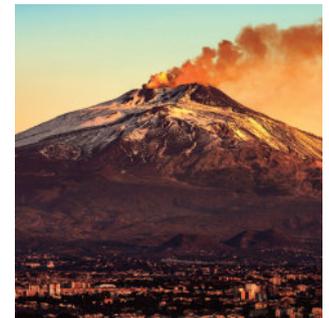
Powered by the Spacewalk talent sharing platform, the network is free for companies and employees. Individuals will be matched to opportunities based on their preferences and skills, including remote positions. There are no recruitment fees or role posting fees.

toptalent.gospacewalk.com

See Sicilian sights with Basula Tour

A NEW Sicily-based itinerary from escorted tour specialist Basula Tour takes guests across the Aeolian Islands, Mt. Etna and Taormina on an eight-day itinerary.

Beginning in Catania with a prime example of Sicilian history, baroque architecture and a fruitful fish market, a ferry on the second day takes guests to Vulcano, famous for its island springs and the dormant volcano's "fumaroles", which emit volcanic gases. A hike to Lipari on the third day gives guests a laidback afternoon ending with the Stromboli eruptions. The next day takes guests to San Vincenzo or Stromboli's black beaches before the following morning, when a short walk brings guests to Mt. Etna, a UNESCO site with views of the Ionian Coast. The following day sees guests return to Catania.



This itinerary starts at €705 per person including accommodation (price depending on departure date and group size).

More on this itinerary and Basula Tour's new programme can be found at www.basula.com



easyJet reveal Canary Islands deals

FOLLOWING THE lifting of the leisure travel ban, easyJet has revealed savings on flights and holidays to the quarantine-free Canary Islands, where guests can finally get their long-awaited sunny getaway.

Flights to Lanzarote start at £39.99 per person each way; with packages starting at £299 per person. Flights to Tenerife start from £33.99 per person each way, and packages from £349 per person.

easyJet's low deposit scheme means guests can book holidays with a deposit from £69 per person. Summer 2021 holidays are also on sale now from £189 per person. www.easyjet.com



AGENT INSIGHT

GEMMA HARVEY
TRAVEL COUNSELLORS

SOMETHING THAT has struck me this year is the loyalty people show to their hairdresser versus their travel agent. In a poll I conducted, only 50% of respondents said they book their holiday with the same agent each time. When it comes to booking a holiday, why should people choose a travel agent like they do their hairdresser?

Expert knowledge

We approach an expert to ensure we get exactly what we set out to buy. When it comes to a holiday, a travel expert is no different. Much like our hairdresser, who we need for their expertise in cutting hair, an expert in travel has the training, experience, skills and knowledge required to find the best flights, hotel options and to make recommendations for the perfect trip.

Trust you're in safe hands

We trust our hairdresser to look after our hair. We rely on them to cut the perfect style every time. A travel expert is someone you can trust to look after you too, creating the perfect holiday every time. Like your hairdresser, your travel expert makes sure you are well informed and give you peace of mind that you are safe in safe hands.

Independent

Your stylist will cut your hair to suit you. A travel expert will do the same. Offering choices that are not off the shelf and are completely unique to a client.

Personal service

We return to the same hairdresser. We have their number in our phone. It is a personal relationship. They ask us questions to find out our personal preferences. A travel expert is also just a phone call away, no call centres, no waiting on hold. They get to know you personally and are familiar with your requirements to create the right holiday experience.

So, next time you are trying to convey how important it is to use a travel agent, remind potential clients that booking trips with a travel expert can be the same comfortable and enjoyable experience as using a familiar hairdresser.



ELEGANT RESORTS is offering seven nights in a Peninsula Junior Suite on a bed-and-breakfast basis at Elounda Peninsula, Crete, starting from £1,215 per person. The price includes flights, transfers and UK lounge access. The trip must be booked by January 31, 2021 for travel between April 28 and October 30, 2021. The price is based on a May 22 departure. www.elegantresorts.co.uk

Malta Tourism Authority launches two new trails

MALTA TOURISM Authority has launched two new trails to make planning a trip as easy as possible for agents. The new 'Winery Trail' highlights several of Malta's vineyards, while the 'Interactive Map', created in partnership with Love Holidays, allows users to route around Malta's top cultural sites and slow travel locations. The two trails are designed for agents to learn all about Malta's offerings.

Tolene van der Merwe, director UK & Ireland at Malta Tourism Authority, said, "Throughout the pandemic the team has worked hard to create engaging initiatives to help improve travel agents' knowledge of Malta and equip them with the tools needed to help convert those much-needed bookings. We hope the latest trails in the series provide our all-important trade partners with a taste of the destination."



The 'Winery Trail' takes guests across the archipelago's wineries, highlighting where all the region's wineries can be found.

The 'Slow Travel' trail shows the islands' best cultural and slow travel highlights, divided into the categories: 'natural beauty', 'cultural and historical sites', and 'trying something a bit different'.

www.maltauk.com



Cornet Schalkwyk, from Travel Counsellors, has won a trip to Rodrigues Island in the Indian Ocean, after she entered the tourism board's competition on our website earlier this year. Flights with Air Mauritius and accommodation are included.

AGENT TRAINING

THE ARIZONA Office of Tourism and Not Just Travel has produced an educational podcast together for agents to learn about the destination; in particular, its road trip opportunities. Starting with an overview of Arizona, representatives of Flagstaff, Scottsdale, Sedona and Tucson then guide agents on a virtual trip throughout the state, highlighting the key experiences at each destination with the aim of enhancing agents' knowledge, so they can create the ultimate Arizona road trip for their clients. In addition, agents will learn about the state's current accessibility, when to visit and current COVID-19 requirements. www.thetravelpodcast.com/arizona-fly-drive



AGENT INCENTIVES

- AGENTS CAN win a luxury Fortnum & Mason hamper with the USA Discovery Programme's 'Northeast Extra Learning' badge incentive by Brand USA. The December incentive, running from now until December 31, encourages agents to complete any Northeast Extra Learning badge for a chance to win a Fortnum & Mason hamper, with three boxes of six New York style homemade cookies as runners up prizes.
- THE TOBAGO Tourism Agency has re-launched its Tobago rewards programme, with £50 given to the first 101 agents to make a booking to Tobago. As well as the cash reward, agents can also win a space on a future VIP Tobago FAM trip. Agents should visit www.tobago.mytrainingrewards.com and register their bookings. To be eligible, they must have completed the Tobago 101 Specialist programme, focusing on the most frequently asked questions about holidays in Tobago.



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Learn more about the beautiful coastal town of Bar in Montenegro & have the chance of winning a seven-night stay for two people in private deluxe accommodation in 2021, the runner up prize is a £50 John Lewis voucher.

Win a bottle of Champagne with Hummingbird Travel.

For all competitions visit <https://www.travelbulletin.co.uk/competitions>

Escape to the islands of Turks & Caicos with Sandals Beaches Resorts

FOR A tropical escape this winter, your guests can opt for Beaches Resorts' flagship Beaches Turks and Caicos Resort Villages & Spa, situated on the white sands of Grace Bay Beach in Providenciales. The Turks and Caicos islands are home to some of the whitest sands and clearest waters in the Caribbean – offering a host of shorelines perfect for tropical family holidays.

Designed with families in mind, Beaches Turks & Caicos is home to a 45,000 sq. ft. waterpark, complete with the Caribbean's only surf simulator; swim-up pool bars; Xbox Play Lounge; exclusive Kid's Camps; and, a Sesame Street programme. Guests can also enjoy unlimited meals during their



This island is home to a range of pristine beaches.

stay, with a choice of up to 21 restaurants, and unlimited premium spirits at any of the resort's 15 bars. Beaches Turks & Caicos is set to re-open on December 21, 2020, and packages are available for travel in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. A seven-night stay at Beaches Turks & Caicos Resort Villages & Spa

staying in a Caribbean Deluxe Double Room costs £2,689 per person. Prices are based on two people sharing a room, and are valid for travel on select dates in between August 22 and October 23, 2021.

For more information, visit www.sellingsandals.co.uk

Four Seasons, Bangkok at Chao Phraya River opens its doors

FOUR SEASONS Bangkok at Chao Phraya River has officially opened.

Occupying 200 metres of pristine river frontage, the hotel has 299 guest rooms, including suites with garden terraces, modern meeting and function spaces, including a riverfront Grand Ballroom with an outdoor terrace.

The hotel also offers an array of spa and wellness amenities, including aerobics, meditation, yoga and group fitness classes.

The hotel grounds are arranged around a series of cascading green courtyards and various open spaces, allowing for an array of views. www.fourseasons.com/bangkok/

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SUDOKU

Win a £50 M&S voucher in the *travelbulletin* Su Doku prize puzzle A

Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3 x 3 squares contains the digits 1-9.

Once you have completed the puzzle, simply identify the numbers that relate to the letters, A, B, C and D then e-mail the solution, with your name, company name, and full postal address plus phone and ABTA number if applicable to:

competition@travelbulletin.co.uk

Closing date for entries is Thursday, 14th January 2021. Solution and new puzzle will appear next week.

The winner for December 4th is Rachel Clifton from Llincolnshire Co-Op Travel.

December 4th Solution: A=8 B=9 C=6 D=3

9		8					6	5
				6		9		1
1	6	2		9	3			
B	2	8		4			3	
	3	1		7		9		5
C			4			1		9
				8	4		1	2
	8		1		3			
D	4	5					7	6



WHERE AM I?

The capital city of an island with a 2,000km coastline, it features a medieval walled quarter which dominates the skyline. The museum is housed in a former arsenal and includes relics from the Bronze Age. The patron saint is St Saturnius.

CROSSWORD

Fill in the crossword to reveal the mystery location highlighted by the green squares.

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	13				14		15				
16											
17			18					19			
	20										

Across

- 1 She's back for a Christmas special as the Vicar of Dibley (4,6)
- 7 Don't forget to leave him a mince pie on Christmas Eve (5)
- 8 Sirmione is a popular resort on this pretty lake (5)
- 9 Traditional Christmas songs (6)
- 13 Belgium city, perfect for chocoholics (6)
- 17 Italian cruise company (5)
- 19 Bulgarian resort on the Black Sea coast (5)
- 20 Set on a London square, this soap always creates a drama on Christmas Day (10)

Down

- 1 One of the reindeers belonging to 7 Across (6)
- 2 The Queen will be spending a quiet Christmas here this year (7)
- 3 Currency of Switzerland (5)
- 4 Famous mount in the Bernese Alps (5)
- 5 International airport code for the capital of 16 Down (3)
- 6 Former England player, now a football commentator ___ Wright (3)
- 10 In tennis, it's the equivalent of a hole in one (3)
- 11 Swiss canton, city and lake (7)
- 12 P&O Ferries operate from Dover to this port (6)
- 14 Hugh, recently seen with Nicole Kidman in The Undoing (5)
- 15 Number of swans a swimming in The Twelve Days of Christmas (5)
- 16 Part of Australia, initially (3)
- 18 The flag carrier of South Africa, initially (3)

Mystery Word : WALES Where am I? Cagliari, Sardinia

Across: 1 DAWN FRENCH, 2 WINDSOR, 3 FRANCO, 4 EIGER, 5 CBR, 6 JAN, 7 ACE, 8 GARDA, 9 CAROLS, 10 EASTENDERS, 11 LUCERNE, 12 CALAIS, 13 BRUGES, 14 GRANT, 15 SEVEN, 16 ACT, 17 SAA. Down: 1 DASH, 2 WINDSOR, 3 FRANCO, 4 EIGER, 5 CBR, 6 JAN, 7 ACE, 8 GARDA, 9 CAROLS, 10 EASTENDERS, 11 LUCERNE, 12 CALAIS, 13 BRUGES, 14 GRANT, 15 SEVEN, 16 ACT, 17 SAA.

Desert safari delights with Exodus

EXODUS TRAVELS is offering an adventurous camping safari far off the normal tourist route in the remote and isolated regions of northwest Namibia.

With 11 nights in the luxury of full-service camping and one night in a hotel, this trip is ideal for off-the-grid travel. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the Twyfelfontein, an area that has the highest concentration of San Bushman engravings in Africa, before making their way to Palmwag Concession. There will be plenty of opportunity for wildlife viewing without the crowds that are found at the better-known safari destinations.

Explorers will venture to the infamous Etosha National Park, where the wildlife outnumbers people. There is



There will be plenty of opportunities to see sightings of 'the Big Five'.

the chance to discover desert elephants, lions, leopards, zebra, giraffe and more, in a specially designed 4WD Safari vehicle.

The final stop along the safari is the Waterberg Plateau, a park renowned for its birdlife and home to over 200 species. The plateau offers a range of self-guided walking tours and longer and more advanced hikes

through the scenery.

The 14-night Namibia 4WD Desert Safari holiday is priced at £3,949 per person, including bed-and-breakfast accommodation, international flights from London, meals as per the itinerary, all internal transport, transfers and activities, as listed in the itinerary.

www.exodus.co.uk

Nevis Tourism targets millennial market for 2021

WITH MILLENNIALS likely to be the first to return to international leisure travel, the Nevis Tourism Authority is aiming for a younger target market with its 2021 promotional campaign.

ABTA recently revealed Brits are planning to indulge with bucket list trips in 2021; 24-39 year olds are known to seek purposeful experiences outside of the all-inclusive beach holidays, popular with older travellers. The tourism authority hope to capitalise on this with its new campaign: "Nevis is ready, are you?"



Jadine Yarde, CEO of the Nevis Tourism Authority, said: "Nevis offers a unique combination of experiences that are unlike anywhere else in the world. This is the type of travel that Millennials seek – unique experiences that are fun, purposeful and educational."

Nevis is open to UK travel, and British Airways resumed service from Gatwick to Robert L. Bradshaw International in St Kitts on December 12, where guests can catch a water taxi to Nevis. Return flights start from £428.

www.nevisisland.com

The Cook Islands launches track and trace system

AS THE Cook Islands remain closed to tourists, officials and tour operators are planning their strategy for a safe reopening of borders.

A key part of the strategy is a system that allows health officials to trace the movement of anyone who tests positive for COVID-19. The government and a private sector taskforce has launched CookSafe, a system based on a QR scanning tool.

The system equips public places with a QR code that patrons scan using a card or wifi

device, sending the date, time and location of their visit to an encrypted database.

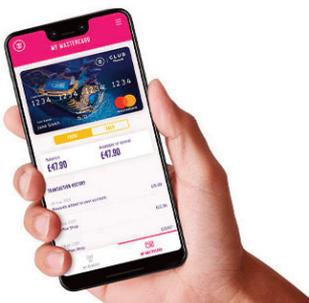
Upon testing positive for COVID-19, officials will use the database to contact anyone who may have been in contact with the carrier, enabling early testing and intervention.

Visitors will be asked to register for CookSafe on the plane upon arrival through their immigration paperwork, before collecting a CookSafe card at the Tourism Office in Avarua.

www.cookislands.travel

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Royal Caribbean International launches new rewards app

ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S new rewards app is free to download on Android and iOS, allowing agents to easily track, monitor and spend their Club Rewards by linking their Club Royal login details with the in-app digital Mastercard. Users can seamlessly transfer their Club Rewards balance to their digital Mastercard in the app, meaning rewards are instantly accessible.

Royal Caribbean is offering triple rewards for the first 100 agents who download the app and make a booking. Agents can send the booking reference to royalsalesupportuk@rccl.com to claim rewards.

INDIAN OCEAN

SEAMLESS SRI LANKA

Riviera Travel's 13-day trip to Sri Lanka includes a visit to all the major historical and cultural sites, as well as a trip to the nearby hillstations and the national parks.

RIVIERA TRAVEL'S 13-day tour of Sri Lanka takes guests to all the major historical and cultural sites, including three UNESCO World Heritage sites, local villages, beaches and the Yala National Park.

After arriving in Colombo, guests will spend the first two nights in Sri Lanka's fascinating 'Cultural Triangle', where they will visit unique historical landmarks such as Sigiriya Rock, a fifth century palace and fortress which is positioned atop of a granite monolith, 600 feet in height; the cave temples of Dambulla; and, the city of Kandy, which was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings.

In Kandy, guests will visit the Royal Botanical Gardens which also houses the wartime headquarters of Lord Louis Mountbatten and the Far Eastern Command,



The Royal Botanical Gardens in the Central Province of Sri Lanka.

and the Temple of the Tooth, a holy Buddhist shrine.

After a leopard spotting safari in Yala National Park, guests can take a guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Galle, in Kalutara, which has a 16th century Dutch Fort.

The trip is priced at £1,649 per person, based on June 7, 2021 departures. The price includes flights, accommodation, transfers, daily breakfast and eight

dinners, taxes, portage, and fees of the Riviera tour manager.

Riviera Travel is offering a private tour for a group or couple trip in 2021, with a personal car and a personal driver guide for an extra deposit amount.

Guests will check in at various local three- and five-star accommodations during the trip.

www.rivieratravel.co.uk

Christmas sundowner at Adaaran Club Rannalhi, Maldives

ADAARAN CLUB, located at the tip of the South Malé Atoll in the Maldives, is kicking off the festive break with a seasonal happy hour from December 20 to December 23, between 18:30pm and 20:30pm at the Nika Bar, where holidaymakers can sip a tropical cocktail and enjoy panoramic views of the Indian Ocean at sunset.

The resort has also lined up a Christmas volleyball tournament, Mediterranean, Asian, and Middle Eastern themed nights, and a beach BBQ, along with a seafood fiesta, and a Christmas Day Beach Party for guests looking to celebrate during the festive season.

Little ones will have their own Kiddies Christmas Party to attend on December 20.

Southall Travel is offering savings of up to 32% for a stay at the resort, with no extra charges for kids under the age of 14 years, plus free transfers for two adults. Prices start from £1,839 per person, if booked by December 21, 2020, for stays until December 27, 2020.

www.southalltravel.co.uk

MARRIED IN THE MALDIVES

LUX* South Ari Atoll's wedding package will see your guests tying the knot in a traditional Maldivian ceremony, surrounded by fauna, flora and a seemingly endless beach.



LUX* SOUTH Ari Atoll's 'Married in the Maldives' packages provide the perfect secluded beach ceremony for brides and grooms eager to tie the knot after a year of postponed plans.

Steeped in island traditions, brides can walk down the aisle to the sound of bodu beru drummers before being blessed by a celebrant. The couple are welcomed with a shower of flower petals for a colourful and fragrant future and together they plant a baby palm tree that will blossom and bloom as their love continues to grow – a reminder of an unforgettable day.

In true isolation style, friends and families

separated by distance can dial in for the day and follow the beachside nuptials from a safe distance via Zoom.

The 'Married in the Maldives' packages start from \$597 per villa, per night, based on two adults in a Romantic Pool Water Villa plus \$390 per adult for return seaplane transfers. Rate includes breakfast and additional honeymoon amenities, such as a fruit platter and sparkling wine on arrival, complimentary 30 minute couples massage, one sunset cruise, and one 45 minute photo shoot.

www.luxresorts.com/en/maldives/hotel/luxsouthariatoll

Hop your way through Thai islands with Exsus Travels

EXSUS TRAVELS' 'King & I' trip to Thailand consists of hopping around some of Thailand's most beautiful islands, including Phuket, Koh Lanta and Koh Yao Noi, staying at some spectacular hotels along the way.

Perfect for couples and honeymooners, or even solo travellers, this holiday will see your clients kayaking through mangroves, snorkelling in crystal-clear waters or simply relaxing on the beach, before enjoying a gourmet lantern-lit dinner under the stars and waking up to a champagne breakfast in their villa, with its own private infinity pool.



Prices start from £5,500 per person, in low season, based on two adults travelling together and include all flights in economy class, accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis, private transfers, boat transportation and taxes.

www.exsus.com



Mauritius mad with TUI

TUI IS offering a seven-night, all inclusive stay at the Ambre Resort and Spa in Belle Mare, Mauritius for £1,450 per person.

The adults-only resort shadows a 700-metre stretch of sand on the east coast of Mauritius, and is situated beside a tropical lagoon.

While staying at the resort, your guests can enjoy an array of activities, such as snorkelling, spa treatments and beachside dining.

Bedrooms come with 32-inch flatscreen TVs and sea-facing balconies or terraces.

The price is based on a February 8, 2021 departure from London Heathrow. www.tui.co.uk

MAKE THE MOST OF THE MALDIVES

With Abercrombie & Kent, guests can explore some of the most diverse breaks on offer across the Maldives, from 10 days of island hopping to week-long luxury breaks.



A RANGE of deals offer guests the chance to get a taste of the Maldives with Abercrombie & Kent's diverse breaks throughout the archipelago.

Island Hopper

A 10-night break to two Maldives resorts takes guests to the island-resort of Milaidhoo, home to luxury accommodation, gourmet restaurants and a five-star PADI diving centre, and the Nautilus, a hideaway surrounded by lush flora and sandy white beaches. From the adventurous diver to the laid-back sunbather, these two islands present guests with a diverse possibility of itineraries.

The 10-night hopper starts from £9,447 per person (based on two people sharing).

Huvafen Fushi

Private island resort Huvafen Fushi offers guests ocean views and a wellness retreat, including one spa treatment per guest. New offering 'Spaquarium' takes guests aboard a submarine spa with panoramic underwater views of the island's diverse marine wildlife.

Savings of 45% mean this break starts from £3,730 per person (excluding flights), when travelling until April 30, 2021.

The Nautilus

The luxury Nautilus offers guests a seven-night retreat to one of the resort's luxurious beach houses.

Guests save up to £3,658 per person with this trip to Nautilus Maldives, starting from £6,995 per person until December 22, 2020.

Baros

Baros offers guests relaxation at the Serenity Spa, a range of diving experiences and other wellness-focused experiences. From beachfront houses to deluxe villas, there is a range of accommodation options at the private island resort.

From £1,450 per person, two adults can enjoy a Deluxe Villa for seven nights. (excluding flights) until April 12, 2021.

www.abercrombiekent.co.uk

Raffles Maldives Meradhoo's seasonal Extravaganza

RAFFLES MALDIVES Meradhoo invites guests to spend New Year at the resort with its festive programme 'Extravaganza', to celebrate the season with adventure, music and wellness.

The twin-island resort will host a range of experts to enhance guest excursions and events. Cuban salsa band Sweet Habana will perform across the season and free diver Bastien Soleil will offer guests the opportunity to discover free diving amongst the islands' several reefs. Big game fishing master Mikhail Karpovich will be on site to guide guests through the resort's health reefs, enabling them to dine on fresh catches at the Firepit restaurant on a sunken table and seating carved from the sand. Resident marine biologist Giulia Pellizzato will enlighten guests on snorkelling tours and the hotel's Marine Discovery programme. Deependra Singh, Indian Yoga master, will also be on site.



Accommodation during the festive season starts at US\$2,950 per night, including breakfast and complimentary speedboat transfers from Kaadedhdhoo Airport.

www.raffles.com/maldives



Inspiring Travel Company offers Seychelles deals

UNTIL DECEMBER 25, 2020, guests can save up to £2,625 per person when booking a seven-night getaway to Raffles, Seychelles. The deal offers guests 40% off accommodation, plus complimentary half board.

Prices start from £2,859 per person, based on two adults sharing a Garden View pool villa on a half board basis, with return economy flights and private transfers.

This offer is valid for travel completed by December 25, 2021 and between January 7 and December 25, 2022 (excluding March 27 - April 5, 2021). www.inspiringtravelcompany.co.uk

RELEASE, RESTORE AND REGAIN

A 360° wellness experience has been unveiled at Kagi Maldives Spa, perfect for guests seeking some rest and relaxation.



THE FIVE-STAR Kagi Maldives Spa Island has officially opened in the North Male Atoll.

The boutique 50-villa property provides couples, friends and solo travellers with a 360° wellness experience, and is a 15-minute seaplane or 60-minute speedboat ride from Velana International Airport.

At the heart of the island sits Kagi's 1500-square-meter spa and wellness hub, complete with an open-air sky roof at its core. Kagi also houses a state-of-the-art gym, two restaurants, three bars, a dive centre and a house reef. Your guests can choose from three room types – a Beach Pool Villa, a Lagoon Pool Villa or an Ocean Pool Villa.

Kagi's Baani Spa offers a personalised, outcome-focused wellness programme for guests to 'Release, Restore and Regain'. An integrated wellness centre, the spa consists of four treatment rooms with outdoor bathing facilities, a relaxation lounge, a beauty salon,

yoga and sound-healing studio, steam rooms and a spa wellness boutique.

Kagi houses two restaurants, three bars and a wine cellar. The resort's fusion cuisine takes inspiration from the geographical 'ring of fire' that surrounds the Maldives, from the highly spiced and fragranced cuisine of South East Asia to the bold, flavours of South America and Oceania.

In light of current times, the resort's mobile app will allow guests to reduce contact and maintain social distancing through self-check in, restaurant reservations and menu pre-selection, as well as housekeeping requests, while also doubling up as a room key.

Nightly rates at Kagi Maldives Spa Island start from \$915 per night, based on two people sharing a Lagoon Pool Villa. The price also includes daily breakfast.

www.kagimaldives.com

Mauritius and Reunion Island with Hayes & Jarvis

HAYES & JARVES is offering a Mauritius and Reunion Island multi-centre holiday for your clients looking to enjoy luxury stays on both islands.

Apart from the chance to relax on Mauritius' many beaches, Hayes & Jarvis' trip offers a diverse range of opportunities for travellers.

Your clients can discover diving and snorkelling in the spotless and unpolluted Mauritian waters and taste the diverse cuisine of the island, which includes a fusion of Indian, Creole and French flavours.

Just east of Madagascar, in the Indian Ocean, awaits Reunion Island. While on Reunion Island, your clients will have the unique



chance to admire an active volcano, Piton de la Fournaise. Locals celebrate the eruption of the volcano (it poses no threat to the island) and it makes for a spectacular show to witness.

There will also be opportunities to enjoy shopping in Grand Baie, the cosmopolitan resort, where guests can also try windsurfing or water skiing.

The 11-day tour's guide price starts from £3,199 per person.

www.hayesandjarvis.co.uk



Discover the jewels of Sri Lanka

TUCAN TRAVEL's 15-day 'Jewels of Sri Lanka' tour will allow travellers to explore hidden temples and caves, sacred Buddhist sites and Hindu shrines.

Your clients will also venture into British tea plantations, nature reserves and botanical gardens of the hill country.

Clients interested in the historical aspects of the country will enjoy visits to ancient royal capitals, such as the city of Kandy, and treks in the sweeping Horton Plains to see giant Buddha statues, before taking a beach break.

Some highlights of the trip include the Negombo fish market and city tour; a visit to the Anuradhapura Ruins; and, a Game drive at Yala National Park.

www.tucantravel.com



DELIGHTS OF DOURO

Scenic's river cruise to Portugal takes clients on an eight-day journey along the Douro river, traversing villages, vineyards and ancient structures.

SCENIC'S RIVER Cruise to Portugal, the eight-day 'Delightful Douro' trip, offers a rare opportunity to experience the local life of Portugal and visit winemaking regions, historical monuments, as well as the many cities, towns and villages within short distances from the Douro river's ports.

A soulful Fado performance on board the Scenic Azure will be the first introduction of Portugal's culture to travellers. The next day, guests can enjoy some onboard activities, such as traditional tile painting, before heading out to explore the Douro Museum in Peso da Régua.

The cruise includes a 'Tastes of the Côa Valley' food excursion, which will allow guests to sample some of the region's produce, such as jams, marmalades and



Douro is one of the oldest wine producing regions in the world.

sugared almonds.

While heading towards Porto, the cruise will stop at Provesende village, showcasing the Portugal of yesteryear. Guests will be able to walk the streets of this quaint village and learn about the lives of locals, which will be an exclusive experience for Scenic guests.

One highlight of the cruise is the Enrich experience,

which includes a trip to the São Francisco Church while in Porto. The church bares influences of both Gothic and Baroque architecture, while the interior features intricate wood carvings covered in gold. A private concert is also lined up as a part of the Enrich experience.

For 2021 dates and prices, visit www.scenic.co.uk

End the year with feasts, festa and fireworks in Madeira

FOR YOUR clients looking to take a quick getaway for the festive season, Madeira may be the perfect choice.

The entire month of December is known as 'Festa' due to the awe-inspiring festive lights, the regional delicacies that are on offer, and the celebrations, which culminate in Funchal's world famous New Year's Eve fireworks display.

The rugged scenery, tropical weather and the warm sea, coupled with volcanic soil, mountainous terrain and the Laurissilva forest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site covering 20% of the main island, make it a nature enthusiast's paradise.

Travellers can spend days relaxing in charming hotels overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, explore 3000km of levadas (ancient irrigation channels), take part in swimming sessions in the natural lava pools, or go off-roading on near vertical tracks. For the more adventurous, there is surfing, mountain biking, canyoning and trail running.

www.madeiraallyear.com

JET2 THE ALGARVE

Jet2's holiday offerings ensure year-round travel to Portugal, with the Algarve looking to be one of the provider's most popular destinations for 2021.



WITH LEISURE travel set to return in 2021, Jet2holidays is highlighting two of its Algarve destinations for customers looking to take a long-awaited break next year.

Tivoli Marina Portimão, Praia Da Rocha

This picturesque hotel offers accommodation with luxury and modern décor, all set within a short walk from the seafront.

The hotel's Riverside Restaurant & Bar and the Deck Restaurant & Bar gives guests views across the River Arade and Portimão Marina.

With three swimming pools, a dedicated terrace for sunbathing and an air-conditioned gym, the hotel prides itself on great service and a restful, wellness-fuelled getaway.

Jet2holidays offer seven-nights at the four-star Tivoli Marina Portimão on a bed-and-breakfast basis for £569 per person, based on two sharing. 22kg baggage allowance and return transfers is also included.

Sao Rafael Suites, Albufeira, Algarve

Less than a kilometer from São Rafael beach, this hotel blends elegance with style across spacious accommodation with separate living and sleeping areas, making it perfect for families looking for their own space.

The five-star service is designed to keep adults and children alike entertained across all aspects of their holidays. While children are offered a children's club all holiday long, golf enthusiasts can experience any of the island's golf courses, offering seaside views and well-maintained courses.

For £659 per person, Jet2holidays offer seven nights at this all-inclusive resort. This is based on two sharing, with departures from London Stansted on April 22, 2021, including a 22kg baggage allowance and return transfers.

www.jet2holidays.com

The best of both worlds in Lisbon

WITH ATLANTIC beaches 20 minutes from the city, guests don't have to choose between a city or coastal break in Lisbon. The Lisbon Tourism Association has highlighted the spots guests can enjoy in one of Europe's most diverse breaks.

Lisbon's location makes a seaside break an easy reach. The closest beaches lie at the Costa da Caparica, a 15km stretch of golden coastline.

Family-friendly beaches and a resort town atmosphere await guests in Cascais, where the Santo Amaro, Oeiras and Cascavelos beaches are favourites among Lisboetas and tourists. The bays of Ericeira are home to a surfing reserve, ideal for watersports.



Lisbon is also home to shopping locations, such as Baixa Pombalina and Chiado, while Lisbon's history can be explored in Alfama, the city's oldest neighbourhood, and the Sé Cathedral, the city's oldest church. The city serves as a versatile break for those looking for history, relaxation or luxury.

www.visitlisboa.com



Long stays in the Madeira sun with Classic Collection

CLASSIC COLLECTION Holidays has collated a long-stay holiday at the Se Boutique in Madeira for those looking to escape the British winter for a COVID-secure destination, or work from home in the sun.

The four-star hotel boasts 54 rooms, a terrace bar and four restaurants, bars and cafes. Every room offers high-speed WiFi, free of charge, and excursions that take advantage of the area's sunny, mountainous climate, including treks and mountain biking. Classic Collection offers discounts of over 50% on stays 21 nights and longer. 56 nights at Se Boutique hotel in Funchal starts at £1,999 per person, saving over £4,500 per couple.

www.classic-collection.co.uk

DISCOVER LISBON'S TAGUS RIVER

From iconic architecture to nature reserves, waterfront dining to a river cruise, there's plenty to enjoy along Lisbon's magnificent waterway.



FROM DISCOVERING some of the city's well-known monuments and nature reserves to alfresco dining, the Tagus River waterside offers a host of opportunities for guests to enjoy in this unique part of Lisbon.

Stunning architecture, old and new

The riverside is home to some of Lisbon's greatest monuments, from the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage-listed Jerónimos Monastery and Belém Tower to the Monument of the Discoveries, which commemorates the golden age of Portuguese history, and the 2,278-metre long 25 de Abril Bridge – one of Lisbon's most notable landmarks.

Wetlands and wildlife

Just one hour from the city, the Tagus Estuary Nature Reserve is Portugal's largest wetland and one of the country's best spots for bird watching, with thousands of migratory birds resting here on their long flights, including

spectacular flocks of flamingos in autumn, while others make this their permanent home

Waterside eating and drinking

The old port district of Alcântara is one of Lisbon's trendiest areas. Sitting beneath the 25 de Abril Bridge, visitors will find Docas de Santo Amaro, a marina filled with waterfront eateries and rooftop bars, ideal for taking in the stunning river views while sipping a drink or two.

Panoramic views

Located on the south bank of the river, the Santuário do Cristo Rei statue is a great spot for unspoilt views of the river. However, only a short drive from this popular attraction visitors can find the lesser-known Elevador da Boca do Vento in Almada which offers breathtaking views across the water to the city and beyond.

www.visitlisboa.com

Four Seasons Fairways closes in on completion

FOUR SEASONS Fairways, Quinta do Lago, has been undertaking a major refurbishment of all public spaces and villas over the last few years, and has announced the next batch will be ready in time to welcome guests back in summer 2021.

With 3,000 hours of sunshine and just a three hour flight from the UK, the Algarve is unique in that it boasts some of the mildest winters in Europe, offering itself as a year-round destination.

Situated in Quinta do Lago and nestled within the privacy and security of the Ria Formosa nature reserve, lies Four Seasons Fairways, the ideal setting for a winter break with friends or family.



The hotel's apartments blend Portuguese architecture with the landscape of gardens, and each unit is fully equipped with a pool or Jacuzzi, as well as a BBQ area on a private terrace.

For more information, visit www.fourseasonsfairways.com



Fly and flop to the Savoy Palace, Madeira

ONE OF the highlights of the luxurious Savoy Palace Hotel in Madeira is the 3,100 square meter destination spa, inspired by Madeira's natural treasure and a UNESCO World Heritage Site – the Laurissilva Forest.

Perfect for your clients wanting to unwind after a stressful year, the spa itself features a pool landscape complete with lagoons, cascades and waterfalls, alongside 11 treatment rooms. A wide range of state-of-the-art massages, facials and relaxation treatments are on offer. For guests looking to take a winter holiday to Madeira, the hotel has released its Christmas and New Year programme. Prices for a stay in the Avenue Room start at £174. www.savoysignature.com/savoypalacehotel

POUSADAS OF PORTUGAL

Delve into the Pousadas of Portugal, a range of historic hotels that reflect Portugal's tradition and culture with Newmarket Holidays



NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS is offering an eight-day tour, starting from £1,245 per person, to savour the Pousadas of Portugal, and stay in three cultural Pousadas (hotels), while exploring the culture and traditions of Portugal along the way.

Clients can enjoy luxurious accommodation in a trio of Pousada hotels, each offering traditional hospitality. The holiday will allow travellers to discover some of Portugal's well-known locations while travelling through the heart of the country, exploring Lisbon, Estoril and Sintra.

The tour includes a stay in three of Portugal's famous Pousada hotels, discovering the historic Portuguese capital, Lisbon, visiting UNESCO-listed Royal Sintra, venturing out to Cabo da Roca, Europe's

westernmost point, as well as a journey to medieval Obidos and to Coimbra, the 'Oxford of Portugal'. Additionally, clients can also taste regional wines, bread and cheeses along the way, and see Aveiro's Venice-like lagoon and canals.

The package price includes seven nights' bed- and-breakfast accommodation at the four-star Pousada de Queluz, the four-star Pousada de Viseu, and the four-star Pousada Mosteiro de Amares, as well as four evening meals. It will also include return flights to Lisbon (returning from Porto).

Your clients will be staying in a series of well-located Pousada hotels, all of which will be of a four-star standard.

www.newmarketholidays.co.uk

A city break to Porto with Sunvil

SUNVIL HOLIDAYS is offering a three-night trip to the city of Porto in Portugal.

The holiday offers a host of shopping opportunities, visits to food markets, and historical excursions to the many churches and cathedrals in the city.

One of the highlights of the trip is the option to take one of many Douro river cruise excursions. There are a variety of trips, which range from a short cruise under the Bridges of Porto to a full day sailing along the river to Pinhao in the heart of the Port Wine region. The scenery, as guests will see as they cruise inland, is some of the most breathtaking in Portugal.

Guests will be staying at the Pestana Vintage Porto Hotel, which is located in the UNESCO Ribeira district of Porto. Directly positioned on the Douro waterfront, the hotel is a 10 minute walk from São Bento railway station. The hotel



offers stylish rooms, with some overlooking the river, and numerous port wine lodges – Taylors, Sandeman and Calem.

Visit www.sunvil.co.uk for more information.



Surprise packages with Quinta do Lago, the Algarve

QUINTA DO LAGO resort in the Algarve has launched new surprise holiday experiences for families in light of COVID-19. In advance of the trip, families will answer up to a maximum of three questions about the sort of holiday they are looking for – the resort will then plan their entire trip on their behalf. The guests will have no idea what they are in for pre-arrival. Itineraries are likely to involve many of family-fun activities, including cycling, watersports, golf, and padel or tennis, to more unusual activities, such as triathlons, clam picking or vegetable picking. They will also include various resort events, such as drive-in cinemas, picnics in the park and live music and dinners at some outlets at the resort.

www.quintadolago.com



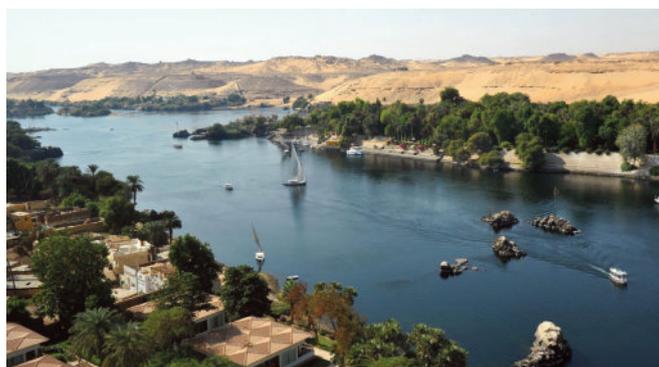
LAND OF THE PHARAOHS

Discover Egypt's new seven-day Nile cruise will introduce some of the most famous heritage sites in Egypt to UK travellers.

DISCOVER EGYPT is offering a seven-night Nile cruise aboard MS Tulip, for those who want to spend a week exploring the ancient cities and tombs of Egypt, in September and October 2021.

Travellers will sail from Luxor to Aswan and back, stopping to gaze and explore Egypt's top ancient sites, such as the Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens, Temples of Karnak and Luxor, the High Dam at Aswan and the unfinished Obelisk. There is an optional excursion to Abu Simbel, priced at £85 by coach. In total, there will be 10 guided excursions included in Discover Egypt's price, along with meals and a drinks package, that can be added-on.

In between sightseeing, guests can soak up the



Discover Egypt will provide 10 guided tours within one holiday package.

sunshine and the stunning views from the sun deck aboard MS Tulip, which features contemporary themed cabins, with a panoramic window and a balcony rail, that allow for fantastic views of surrounding regions

"A classic Nile cruise is a special journey along one of the world's most outstanding rivers flanked by the largest

open-air museums including stunning temples and tombs. To experience and discover Egypt is a travel experience of a lifetime," said Philip Breckner, director of Discover Egypt.

Prices start from £1,295 per person, including flights, transfers, seven nights full board cruise and excursions.

www.discoveregypt.co.uk

A slice of Tunisian life at Club Med's Djerba La Douce

LOCATED TO the south of Tunisia, on the island of Djerba, Club Med's Djerba La Douce, Tunisia is gearing up to welcome clients for a family holiday next year.

An all-inclusive holiday at Club Med in Tunisia combines discovery and total relaxation. Guests can relax on the sun drenched beach, visit the nearby Midoun souk, or the local museums and national parks.

Guests can choose between the authentic charm and typical Djerbian style of bungalows or opt for a deluxe room at the Calypso hotel for direct sea views.

In terms of dining choices, the Calypso restaurant is the place for a quiet meal on the seafront, with a wide choice of international cuisine. The La Pergola restaurant, on the other hand, has a beautiful fresco area under a shady bower, where guests can enjoy the Tunisian climate.

Prices start at US\$1,950 for seven nights, and prices are based on a September 1, 2021 departure date.

For more information or to book, visit www.clubmed.asia

TASTE OF MOROCCO

Virgin Limited Edition's 'Authentically Berber Experience' offers guests a truly authentic Moroccan and Berber adventure, set in the Atlas mountains.



VIRGIN LIMITED Edition's 'Authentically Berber Experience' holiday packs a host of Moroccan traditions into a stay at an authentic Kasbah, with the full experience requiring at least two nights at the Kasbah Tamadot to be enjoyed.

Situated in the High Atlas Mountains, the Kasbah is 99% staffed by locals from surrounding areas, reflecting the hotel's mission to support the local economy while offering an authentic Moroccan experience.

Guests can choose from three Superior rooms (one of which must be booked two months in advance) or seven Deluxe rooms, all giving guests a pool, garden or mountain view. Six outdoor Berber tents are also on offer, all of which feature a private hot tub and views of the nearby Mount Toubkal, the Atlas Mountains' tallest peak.

Facilities include the Asonfou Spa and Pool, offering a range of signature facilities, a

traditional Moroccan Hammam cleansing treatment centre, an outdoor infinity pool and hot tub, the Asmoun Lounge with fully stacked honesty bar, satellite TV and a music system.

The hotel's 'Authentically Berber Experience' takes guests on a two to three hour walking trek in the Atlas Mountains, tea in a local Berber house, a Berber cooking lesson, bread baking, and a visit to the Eve Branson Foundation. The experience runs for arrivals from January 12 to December 21, 2021. Blackout dates may apply for certain stays.

Guests booking a stay of four nights or more will receive the final night for free; stays of seven nights or more will be offered two nights for free. This offer is valid for arrivals from May 1 to September 30, 2021, starting at £503 per room, based on two people sharing.

www.virginlimitededition.com

New ancient discoveries in Saqqara

FOR THOSE clients interested in historical trips, a recent Egyptian archaeological discovery uncovered 100 sealed wooden coffins in mint condition, 40 statues of the deity, Ptah Soker, God of the Saqqara Necropolis, 20 wooden boxes of Horus, and two statues of Phnomus, as well as a number of Ushabti statuettes and amulets.

Dr. Khaled El Enany, minister of tourism and antiquities, unveiled the discoveries, revealing it's the area's third consecutive year where an archaeological discovery was successful in retrieving Ancient Egyptian artefacts. He explained Saqqara's important role in Egyptian history and tourism, explaining it is one of the most important sites of Egypt's first capital, the Memphis necropolis.



The area also houses 13 pyramids, ancient monasteries and the country's largest animal necropolises. The artefacts have made their way to a range of Egyptian museums, ready for visitors to experience in person.

www.gotoegypt.org



Winter treks in Toubkal and the Atlas Mountains

LESS THAN 50 miles south of Marrakech, blue skies and bright sun blend with snowy peaks on the tallest peak of the Atlas Mountains at Mount Toubkal. Reaching 4,167 metres, the non-technical peak serves as a short break for those looking for more adventure outside the city breaks Marrakech has to offer.

An excursion to Toubkal teaches non-technical climbers basic alpine techniques, including using a walking axe and crampons. Most climbers accomplish the summit on a long weekend preceding or following a city break in nearby Marrakech.

www.visitmorocco.com

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Tunisia: Discover ancient ruins, underground homes and seaside medinas

SALT LAKES, palm-fringed desert oases and rocky coastlines lapped by azure water – Tunisia has a wealth of scenic landscapes.

Travellers can discover history and desert landscapes on Intrepid Travel's 12-day 'Tunisia Expedition' tour. Your clients can wander through waterfront medinas and explore World Heritage-listed Roman ruins without the crowds, hike over sand dunes and under mountains – the tour reveals the diverse side of this little-visited North African jewel. There will also be many



opportunities to try out Tunisian cuisine, with Italian and Spanish inspired flavours.

While on the trip, Intrepid Travel offers travellers the opportunity to wander the largest medina in North Africa, in Tunis, navigating the

twisting alleyways to discover tiny stores overflowing with goods, ancient mosques, and bustling squares. The tour will also take guests to Dougga, a Roman settlement, which features dozens of standing columns, an amphitheatre

and a mausoleum built 2,200 years ago. Visitors can then go underground into the subterranean homes of Matmata, where a central sunken courtyard leads to cave-like rooms carved from sandstone.

A highlight of the trip is a camping excursion in the Sahara Desert, where there will be opportunities to watch the sunset over a sea of dunes. While the mornings are hot, evenings in the desert can be cold and visitors should pack suitable clothes for the weather conditions.

Prices start from £2,065 per person, for an April 3, 2021 departure date. www.intrepidtravel.com

What's the worst Xmas present you've ever received?



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#goodtravelvibes

2020 has been a year like no other, with our amazing industry suffering the harsh effects of the global pandemic.

Looking forward to a brighter New Year, we at Travel Bulletin would like to applaud the entire Travel Agency community for your strength, resilience, determination and commitment to making dreams come true through travel!

During the initial UK lockdown, Travel Bulletin launched a highly successful #GoodTravelVibes campaign, aimed at keeping industry morale as high as we possibly could. With this in mind once again, as we approach the end of this challenging year, we invited some of our readers to share positive messages for 2021 and here's what you had to say...



Sue Hunter,
Braunton Travel



Alison Woodrow,
Addison Travel



Leah Mackay,
Travel Counsellors



Elaine Ferry,
Elaine's Travel Company



Muriel Morgan,
Travel Counsellors



Chris Woodhave,
CT4N Travel



Karen Alexander,
KLTA Travel

After experiencing a year such as 2020, what do you think the travel industry should be most proud of going forward?

That we are still here! Whether that is because we have adapted and changed to use new technology, or because we have had to contract (staff-wise) to prepare to grow again. We have suffered a setback, not of our own making, but we should take pride in our resilience.

Sue Hunter, Braunton Travel.

That we have survived. It may be a different horizon but there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Chris Woodhave, CT4N Travel.

Our ability to turn things around quickly when announcements are made by the government.

Janette Ashby, Global Travel Bamber Bridge.

Our resilience and adaptability.

Francesca Cabrelli, Holidaysplease.

We have always been resilient through most travel disasters however as an industry, we should be most proud of how we have dealt with the constant daily change to advice which has been very frustrating!

Elaine Ferry, Elaine's Travel Company.

Staying afloat!

Muriel Morgan, Travel Counsellors.

We have survived and will hopefully come out stronger!

Alison Woodrow, Addison Travel.

What positive message would you like to share with your travel industry colleagues?

We are strong and we will get through this crisis and reap the benefits when our customers can travel with confidence again!

Sue Hunter, Braunton Travel.

One day all this will be over!

Francesca Cabrelli, Holidaysplease.

Keep doing what you do best! We will get out of this stronger, wiser and most of all we will probably have more people using a Travel Agent.

Janette Ashby, Global Travel Bamber Bridge.

Things can only get better!

Karen Alexander, KLTA Travel.

Lets stand together in this!

Alison Woodrow, Addison Travel.

Our passionate industry will recover and be stronger than before.

Leah Mackay, Travel Counsellors.

Keep looking after clients and they'll look after you.

Phil Hindle, Midcounties Coop Travel.

We will get through this, we are a strong bunch of individuals and let's face it after all this... we will all need a holiday!!!

Elaine Ferry, Elaine's Travel Company.

Keep strong & carry on!

Muriel Morgan, Travel Counsellors.

You are all experts in your field and nothing can take that away from you. For most people in the industry, travel is in their blood so reassess, regroup and come back better than ever!

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